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Senator **Bill Finkbeiner**45th Legislative District

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I hope this guide provides you with helpful information to find the resources you need and to help get you in touch with your elected officials.

Our government should be open and accessible at all levels for your input, questions and concerns. I am particularly proud of helping the Legislature initiate the use of e-mail and create a legislative Web site. About 10 years ago, this technology was new when I started in the House of Representatives, and I think these online services have opened the door for more active participation at all levels of government and made legislators more approachable.

My office is always available to help you find the answers you need. Whether you have an urgent problem with a state agency, or are just seeking information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I also encourage you to keep in touch by letting me know your comments, questions or ideas regarding legislation.

Thank you for electing me to serve as your senator. It is an honor to represent the 45th District.

Sincerely,

Sen. Bill Finkbeiner 45th Legislative District

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Washington State Legislature Homepage: www.leg.wa.gov

State Information: access.wa.gov

In An Emergency Please Dial 911

An Invitation to Olympia

Washington's Capitol Building and its surrounding campus make Olympia one of the nation's most beautiful state capitols.

The Capitol Campus is a year-round tourist destination and the Legislative Building is its center piece. Originally completed in 1927, the Capitol was refurbished for the state's Centennial in 1989.

Olympia visitors also can enjoy the Temple of Justice where the Supreme Court meets, the Governor's Mansion, the Old Capitol Building and several veterans' memorials situated on the 30-acre campus.

Capitol Tours: Public tours are held daily from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. every hour on the hour (registration not required). Larger groups or schools should call (360) 586-8687 to schedule a private tour.

Ambulance • Fire • Police • Emergencies

At any time of the day or night, you may contact needed emergency services simply by dialing 911 and giving the following information:

- 1. Nature of the emergency.
- 2. Exact location—street address, etc.
- 3. Number of the phone from which you are calling.
- 4. WAIT—Additional information may be needed. Always make sure the operator hangs up first.

Voter Registration

To register to vote, you must be:

- · A citizen of the United States
- · A legal resident of Washington State
- At least 18 years old by election day

Voter information:

King County Records and Elections (206) 296-VOTE (8683)

You may register to vote at any time, but you must be registered at least 30 days in advance of an election if you wish to vote at a polling place on election day. You may also register between 30 and 15 days before an election, but you must do so at a location designated by the county elections officer, and you will be required to vote by absentee ballot.

How to register: Mail-in registration forms are available from your county auditor or county elections department, as well as many public libraries, schools and other government offices. "Motor Voter" registration is offered when you renew or apply for your driver's license.

Absentee ballots: You may request an absentee ballot as early as 45 days before an election. (No absentee ballots are issued on election day except to hospitalized voters). Absentee ballots may be requested either by phone or by mail from the county elections officer. You may also apply in writing to automatically receive an absentee ballot before each election.

NOTE: Absentee ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to the county election officer on or before election day.

Federal Elected Officials

President of the United States

President George W. Bush.....(202) 456-1414

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, D.C. 20500

e-mail: president@whitehouse.gov

Web: www.whitehouse.gov

Presidential Greetings: The White House will send greetings from the President to anyone 80 or older, or to a couple celebrating a 50th (or higher) anniversary. Send a request at least one month in advance. The address is:

Greetings Office

Office of the President

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, D.C. 20500

Vice President

Vice President Dick Cheney(202) 456-1414

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, D.C. 20500

e-mail: vice-president@whitehouse.gov

United States Congress

Senate Web: www.senate.gov House Web: www.house.gov

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United States Supreme Court

Web: www.supremecourtus.gov

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist Justice John Paul Stevens Justice Antonin Scalia Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Justice Anthony Kennedy

21905 - 64th Ave. W., Suite 101

Justice David Souter Justice Clarence Thomas Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Justice Stephen Breyer

Washington, D.C. 20543......(202) 479-3000

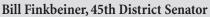
State Officials	
State Information: 1-800-321-2808 Voter Information Hotline: 1-800-448-4881 Washington State Home Page: www.wa.gov	
Governor Christine Gregoire (D) Legislative Building PO Box 40002	
Olympia, WA 98504-0002	
Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen (D) Legislative Building PO Box 40400	
Olympia, WA 98504-0400	
Secretary of State Sam Reed (R) Legislative Building	
PO Box 40220 Olympia, WA 98504-0220	
State Treasurer Mike Murphy (D)	
Sunset Building PO Box 40200 Olympia, WA 98504-0200	
State Auditor Brian Sonntag (D) Sunset Building	
PO Box 40021 Olympia, WA 98504-0021	
State Attorney General Rob McKenna (R) Highway/Licenses Building	
PO Box 40100 Olympia, WA 98504-0100	

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Supreme Court	Justices
Chief Justice Gerry Alexander Justice Bobbe J. Bridge	Justice Susan Owens Justice Mary E. Fairhurst
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Temple of Justice PO Box 40929 Olympia, WA 98504-0929	(360) 357-2077
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In an effort to keep mailing costs to a minimum, I'm combining our government guide with a brief session review.

It was an interesting session with a multibillion-dollar budget to write, an active debate on transportation funding and intense pressure to address the election problems that have resulted in a prolonged elections challenge.

I hope you'll take a few minutes to catch up with what happened in the Legislature this year. As always, I encourage your feedback and comments.



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State Budget a Challenge — But new taxes not necessary

While we all agree that basic government functions like education and social services need to be funded, I think this year's Legislature went a little crazy in the tax-and-spend department. Despite an upward adjustment in our March 17 revenue forecast, the Legislature refused to consider a priority-based spending plan that would have prevented new tax increases.

When the revenue forecast came out, we learned the state had about \$700 million more to spend than previously expected. That meant the Legislature could increase spending for government programs and

education by roughly 7 percent over the last budget with no new taxes whatsoever.

Even with this extra money, the Legislature overturned the state spending limit, increased taxes by more than \$400 million, short-changed the state's pension fund by another \$325 million, increased spending by 12 percent and added roughly 2,500 new employees to the state payroll.

I knew simply voting "no" on this budget wasn't good enough. That's why I supported an alternative budget called the "People's Budget," which would have funded our top priorities without raising any of your taxes. Here's a glimpse:

Education

- Fully funded the previously suspended education initiatives which are funded in the Legislature's budget through the resurrection of the state's death tax
- Fully funded levy equalization which is reduced in the final budget by \$12.9 million

Higher Education

- Added more than 10,000 new enrollments— compared to the 7,900 provided in the budget that passed the Legislature
- Increased financial aid available to the middle class

Health Care

- Protected nursing home funding
- Maintained access via vendor rate increase for health care providers
- Retained verification and eligibility efforts for Medicaid

Environment and Parks

- Eliminated state parks day fees which are continued in the final budget
- Protected environmental funding by not raiding environmental accounts like the final budget did

Compensation

 Funded collective bargaining agreements for state workers in exchange for greater government efficiencies

Fiscal Responsibility

 Nearly tripled the ending fund reserve to prevent future budget shortfalls

Unfortunately, this alternative budget was never considered. The 2003-05 budget, which included no new taxes, has helped our economy bounce back more quickly than expected. Spending beyond our means—and raising taxes to do so—will set our economy back and put us at risk for lawsuits.

Transportation — a Different Kind of Gridlock

Two years ago, the Legislature made major changes to our transportation system by passing a 5-cent-pergallon gas tax tied to specific transportation projects called the "Nickel Package." I think people would agree that this gas tax increase has shown some good results. Projects are being built and completed, and in many cases, for less time and money due to project streamlining provisions we fought hard to include.

We've improved such tangled areas as the 167/I-405 interchange and helped ease congestion from Bellevue to Renton. There is still much to be done. This next year, the work on I-405 through Kirkland will start and should result in significant improvement in congestion relief and safety.

Part of the way we conceptualized those further improvements taking place was through the creation of

Regional
Transportation
Improvement
Districts, or
RTIDs. The idea
behind the RTID
was to allow
King, Snohomish
and Pierce counties to present
additional projects to the local
community, with
tax increases

included to pay for it. So far though, voters have yet to see an RTID proposal at the ballot.

This session, to encourage our regional leaders to move forward with this important tool, we've approved another more significant gas tax increase to be phased-in over the next three years to generate another \$8.5 billion for important projects that improve safety and reduce congestion.

This new package includes \$992 million for future I-405 projects. These improvements will continue to focus on safety and traffic relief in our area. They will also bolster our economy by creating an additional 30 jobs for each \$1 million spent on the construction of the new transportation projects. These

are matching funds to help get us to the total needed to improve this highway. As an added incentive for

regional leaders to contribute, these dollars—and those directed to other megaprojects like the Alaskan Way Viaduct—will be redirected to other projects if an RTID is not approved.

Improving the transportation

infrastructure in our region has been a top priority for me as your State Senator, and I will continue to do what I can to help ease the congestion and safety problems which challenge our ability to move goods and services.

As someone who uses 405 daily to get to and from work, to drive my kids to and from school, and to take my family where we need to go, whether that is the video store or soccer practice, I know how important this arterial is to our neighborhoods and communities. I'm optimistic that the congestion problems which have clogged our freeways may begin to improve in the future, ensuring that this area remains as great a place for our children as it has been for us.

Reforming Our Election System

As the months have gone by after our last general election, many flaws and errors have been brought to light. Dead people voting, felons voting, and provisional ballots



being bunched in with normal ballots are just a few of the problems that have surfaced.

It's been said, "In a democracy, it is not the voting that matters but the counting." The close results of the governor's race certainly have brought increased scrutiny to our elections system, and raised serious questions about the way we have counted votes and whose votes we have counted. No matter who you

supported, we all should be concerned about the integrity of the system. It's clear some changes need to be made, and that's something I'm working on in Olympia.

So far, these efforts have had some positive results. Specifically, improvements have been made to the system to:

- Prevent the mingling of unverified provisional ballots with regularly cast ballots;
- Requiring some form of identification at poll sites; and
- Reviewing the voter rolls against other available databases such as the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health to prevent felons and dead people from voting.

Other improvements I would like to see include:

- Requiring photo identification at the polling location;
- Requiring some form of identification when registering to vote;
 and
- Prohibiting third-party voteshopping if a voter fails to follow directions on his or her ballot.

The Governor's Election Reform Task Force identified these as areas of concern. I'm disappointed we failed to address the entire problem.

Information on the Legislature

Legislature On-Line

Sen. Finkbeiner's Homepage:

www1.leg.wa.gov/senate/src/senators/finkbeiner.htm

This website provides you with Sen. Finkbeiner's biography, links to legislative updates, town hall meetings, press releases and all of his contact information. Future plans include the addition of a link to video updates, usually done bi-monthly during session.

Legislature On-Line: http://www1.leg.wa.gov/legislature

This website is the portal to all that's going on at the Washington State Legislature. This link provides you with bill information, committee agendas and public hearing schedules, and contact information for legislators and state agencies.

Access Washington: http://access.wa.gov/

This is the official government website for the State of Washington. Anything related to our government services can be found at this website. If you can't find it, there's a help center and contact information.

TVW: TVW provides free, unedited television coverage of state government deliberations and public policy events. Programming can be accessed on cable networks throughout Washington state — or via your personal computer. Any citizen with a computer with a sound system and access to the Internet can listen to all deliberations of the Legislature both live and archived. This service requires either RealPlayer or Windows Media, both of which can be downloaded for free. **Visit www.tvw.org** for more information.

Redmond TV

http://www.ci.redmond.wa.us/aboutredmond/rctv/rctv.asp

Redmond City Television (RCTV) is our local network that airs legislative updates from local legislators during the state's legislative session. These programs air Friday through Monday at 7:30 p.m. during the Legislative Session. In the works are plans to include this video update as a Windows Media file on Sen. Finkbeiner's homepage.

770 KTTH AM Radio

Most Wednesday mornings during session, Sen. Finkbeiner is on the Mike Siegel program at 8:30 a.m. delivering a session update with the week's current events in the Legislature.

Sen. Finkbeiner's Legislative Updates

Periodic updates are provided during session by requesting to be put on my e-mail update list. Please e-mail my office and request to be put on the list for these session updates if you want to keep informed on the latest legislation and issues in Olympia. My e-mail address is: finkbeiner.bill@leg.wa.gov.

King County Officials

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Courthouse hours:
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e-mail: attorney.prosecuting@metrokc.gov
Recorder's Office (document recording)(206) 296-1570

Cities	
City of Carnation	
City Hall	(425) 333-4192
Mayor Yvonne Funderberg	(425) 333-4192
Yvonne Funderberg	ys of each month at 7 p.m. Bill Paulsen Stuart Lisk
City Manager Bill Brandon	(425) 333-4192
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City Hall	(425) 788-1185
Mayor Becky Nixon-Bellah	cell# (206) 595-5315
City Council	days of each month at 7 p.m. Heather Page Gary Gill Greg Von Tobel
City of Kirl	kland
City Hall	(425) 828-1100
Mayor Mary-Allyce Burleigh	(425) 828-1100
City Council email: citycouncil@ci.kirkland.wa.us	
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	Mary-Alyce Burleigh
City Manager David Ramsay	(206) 587-3001
City of Redmond	
City Hall	
Mayor Rosemarie Ives	(425) 556-2101

City Council	of each month at 7:30 p.m. Pat Vache President Nancy McCormick John Resha
City of Snoq	
Rozo Railroad Ave. S.E., PO Box 987, Snoqu Business hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Web: www.ci.snoqualmie.wa.us	ualmie, WA 98065
Mayor Randy Fletcher	(425) 888-5307
City Council	ays of each month at 7 p.m. Jeff MacNichols Charles Peterson Nate Short
City of Wood	
City Hall 17301 – 133rd Avenue N.E., Woodinville, W Business hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Web: www.ci.woodinville.wa.us Mayor Scott Hageman City Council Council meets on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Mo Carol Bogue, Deputy Mayor Gareth Grube Cathy Wiederhold	VA 98072 (425) 489-2700 (425) 489-2700
45th District Senior	Citizen Services
Senior Information and Assistance	
MetroTransit Department	
Bus and Route Information	

Public Libraries

Carnation, 4804 Tolt Ave., Carnation	(425) 333-4398
Duvall, 15619 Main St., Duvall	, ,
Fall City, 33415 S.E. 42nd Place, Fall City	(425) 222-5951
Kingsgate, 12315 N.E. 143rd St., Kirkland	(425) 821-7686
Kirkland, 308 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland	(425) 822-2459
North Bend, 115 E. 4th St., North Bend	(425) 888-0554
Redmond, 15990 N.E. 85th St., Redmond	(425) 885-1861
Snoqualmie, 38580 River St., Snoqualmie	(425) 888-1223
Woodinville, 17105 Avondale Road N.E., Woodinville	(425) 788-0733

Toll Free Numbers

Abuse Hotline (DSHS to report suspected abuse	
of children & vulnerable adults)	1-866-363-4276
Address Confidentiality Prog. (SEC)	1-800-822-1065
Adoption (DSHS)	1-800-562-5682
Aviation Division (DOT)	1-800-552-0666
Aging and Adult Services (DSHS)	
AIDS/HIV Information (DOH)	
Alcohol and Tobacco Complaints (LCB)	1-888-838-3956
Attorney General (Consumer Protection) (AG)	1-800-551-4636
Blind Hotline (DSB)	
Business Assistance Hotline (CTED)	
Charitable Solicitation Information (SEC)	1-800-332-4483
Children or Families at Risk (OFCO)	1-800-562-5624
Children's Support Enforcement (DSHS)	
Children's Services (DSHS)	
Client Relations Hotline (L&I)	
Crime Victim's Advocacy (C&T)	
Consumer Check on Contractors (L&I)	
Deaf, School for (WSD)	
Department of Transportation Ombudsman (DOT)	
Disability Insurance Benefits (DSHS)	
Domestic Violence Hotline (DSHS)	1-800-562-6025
Energy Ideas Clearinghouse (commercial, industrial) (WSU)	
Emergency Medical and Trauma Prevention (DOH)	
Emergency Services, 24-hours (EMD)	
Emission Control (DOE)	
Family & Children's Ombudsman (GOV)	
Ferry Information (DOT)	
Fire Reports (DNR)	
Game Poaching (F&W)	
Gypsy Moth Information Line (AGR)	
Hazardous Substances (DOE)	
Hazardous Waste Spills Hotline (EMD)	1-800-258-5990

Health Consumer Assistance (DOH)	1-800-525-0127
Health Facilities and Services Complaints (DOH)	1-800-633-6828
Health Plan, Basic (HCA).	1-800-660-9840
Hospital/Home Health Care Agency Complaints (DOH)	
Human Rights Commission (HRC)	
Independent Living Council (DSHS)	
Industrial Insurance Fraud (L&I)	
Information, State (DIS)	
Insurance Claims (INS) (Consumer Protection)	1-800-521-2000
Legislative Hotline (LEG)	
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTY)	1-800-302-0000
Long-Term Care Ombudsman (DSHS)	
Lottery Winning Numbers (LOT)	1-800-302-0020
Low Interest Home Loans (HFC)	
Marine Bio Toxins Hotline (Beach Closures - Shellfish Toxins) (DOH)	
Medicaid Information (DSHS)	
Missing Children Clearinghouse (WSP)	1 000 542 5670
Natural Resources, (DNR)	
Nursing Home Complaints (DSHS)	
Nursing Home Information (GOV)	
Park Information, state (P&R reservations only)	1 000 226 7600
OR	
Pass Reports (DOT)	
Puget Sound Air Pollution Control (DOE)	
Puget Sound Water Quality (WQA)	1 000 722 0252
Recycling Hotline (DOE)	
Refugee Assistance (DSHS)	
Retirement Planning (DRS)	
Revenue (REV)	1 000 647 7706
Social Security (DSHS)	
Third Party Liability (DSHS)	
Tourist Information Hotline (CTED)	
Toxic Chemical and Oil Spills (EMD)	1 000 250 5000
Unclaimed Property (REV)	
Underground Storage Tanks (DOE)	
Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC)	1 000 562 6150
Veterans Affairs (DVA)	1 000 562 220
Voter Information (SEC)	1 000 440 4001
Washington Reading Corps (GOV).	
Washington State Patrol Report Drunk Drivers (WSP)	
Water Works Certification Prog. (DOH)	1 000 525 2526
Welfare Fraud Hotline (DSHS)	1 000 562 6006
WIC (Women/Infant/Child) (DOH)	1 000 527 2205
Wood Smoke Information (DOE)	
Workers' Compensation Claims (L&I)	. 1-800-54/-836/